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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 03-032635 published February 13, 1991 together with English language abstract.

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/Katherine R. Vieyra/ Katherine R. Vieyra The reference listed above was cited in an Official Action dated June 30, 2009 received from the Japanese Patent Office, a copy of which is enclosed. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited reference required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii). The relevance of the reference has been described in the Official Action.

Pursuant to 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Further, inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is also being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R.§ 1.704(d), a statement is attached.

The requisite \$180.00 official fee pursuant to § 1.17(p) has been charged to Deposit Account 191013.

Respectfully submitted,

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